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SUBJECT: UN RESOLUTIONS ON NAMIBIA

1. FONOFF IS DISTURBED ABOUT WHAT IT SEES AS RAPID PROGRESS OF 8 RESOLUTIONS ON NAMIBIA
QUESTION. OUR SOURCES ARE DISTRESSED NOT ONLY WITH THEIR CONTENT BUT ALSO BY THE INABILITY OF EC-9 TO ARRIVE AT CONSENSUS IN OPPOSITION TO THEM.

2. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN ARE ASSERTIONS IN RESOLUTIONS JUSTIFYING CONTINUANCE OF ARMED STRUGGLE, GIVING SWAPO OBSERVER STATUS AND, MOST PARTICULARLY, NAMING SWAPO AS THE EXCLUSIVE BARGAINING AGENT FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE. (THIS LAST POINT, FONOFF BELIEVES, WOULD BE SERIOUS IMPEDIMENT TO WESTERN MODERATION AND MEDIATION ATTEMPTS.)

3. FONOFF IS NOW STUDYING DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND CONSIDERING APPROACH TO BE TAKEN IN UN AND IN OTHER EC CAPITALS. OUR SOURCES SAY UNOFFICIALLY THAT SOME DEMARCHE ARE LIKELY BUT THAT THEY HOPE TO COORDINATE WITH USUN ON WHAT THEY VIEW AS A COMMON INTEREST IN SEEING RESOLUTIONS MODIFIED BEFORE ADOPTION.

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4. IN LIGHT OF STRONG FRG INTEREST IN QUESTION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, SPECIFICALLY IN NAMIBIA, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED ON THIS AND RELATED DEVELOPMENTS.

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